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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

(Currently amended) A discharge system for compressors of the type which comprising:

a cylinder block defining a compression chamber (2):

a first discharge chamber (4) receiving an intermittent gas mass flow from the compression

chamber (2);

a second discharge chamber (6) in direct communication with the first discharge chamber

<del>(4)</del>;

a third discharge chamber (7) in constant fluid communication with the first discharge

chamber (4) and the second discharge chamber (6) and opened to a discharge tube (5), characterized

in that it comprises; and

a valve means (22) provided in the fluid communication between the first and third

discharge chambers (4.7) and which assumes an open position, communicating the first and the third discharge chambers (4, 7) when a gas mass flow passing from the compression chamber (2) to

the first discharge chamber (4) reaches a determined gas mass flow value, and a closed position

blocking, at least in most part, said fluid communication between the first and third discharge

chamber (4.7) when said gas mass flow reaches values that are lower than the determined gas mass

flow value.

2. (Currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 1, characterized in that the valve

means (22) is disposed in a third discharge orifice (14) provided between the first discharge

chamber (4) and the third discharge chamber (7).

3. (Currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 2, in which a valve plate (22) is

provided between the compression chamber (2) and the first discharge chamber (4), carrying at least

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one suction valve (24) and one discharge valve (30), characterized in that the valve means (22) is in the form of a vane mounted to the valve plate (40).

- (Currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 3, characterized in that the valve means (22) is incorporated to a valve blade (20) affixed to the valve plate (10).
- 5. (Currently amended) The system as set forth in claim 4, characterized in that the valve means (22) is incorporated to a valve blade (20) incorporating at least one suction valve.